



The information in this report is based on data collected in the first year of the 2003-2004 Utah Health Status Survey. The survey represents the fifth in a series, with previous surveys conducted in 1986, 1991, 1996, and 2001. It provides information on a variety of topics related to health status and health care access at statewide and health district levels. The Utah Health Status Survey is important because it provides information for Utah's local health districts and children. Additional topics will be presented in separate reports due to be released in 2004 under the headings listed below.

2003 Overview Report, Statewide Findings

Brief: 2003 Statewide Insurance Estimates

Brief: 2003 Problems With Access to Health Care

Brief: 2003 Chronic Medical Conditions

Brief: 2003 Health Care Utilization and Usual Source of Care

Additional information will be available at the end of 2004 when the 2003-2004 Utah Health Status Survey is complete. After completion, further reports are due to be released in 2005 under the headings listed below.

2003-2004 Overview Report, Local Health District Findings

2003-2004 Health Insurance Coverage, Local Health District Findings

Brief: 2004 Statewide Insurance Estimates

Brief: 2003-2004 Children's Health Status

Brief: 2003-2004 Racial and Ethnic Health Status

Brief: 2003-2004 Interpersonal Violence

The survey was funded by a legislative appropriation and was designed, analyzed, and reported by the Utah Department of Health, Center for Health Data. The survey sample was designed to be representative of Utahns, and is perhaps best described as a weighted probability sample consisting of 3,175 households disproportionately stratified by 12 local health districts which cover the entire state.

The Utah Department of Health Survey Center in Salt Lake City conducted the telephone interviews using computer-assisted random digit dialing techniques. In each household, one adult (aged 18 or older) was randomly selected to respond to survey questions about themselves, about the household as a unit, and with regard to each household member. The survey results were weighted to reflect the age, sex, geographic distribution, and Hispanic ethnicity of the population. Interviews were conducted over a ten-month period from March to December, 2003. A detailed description of the methodology can be found in the Technical Notes section of this report. The entire survey questionnaire may be found on-line at http://health.utah.gov/opha/publications/2003hss/2003_4HSS.pdf.

The information in this report can be used to facilitate policy and planning decisions. While it is intended primarily for public health program managers, administrators, and other health care professionals in the public and private health care sectors, the report may also be of interest to anyone wishing to inform themselves on the current health status of Utahns.